## OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER



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Mr. Phil Isenberg, Chair Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force 650 Capitol Mall Sacramento, CA 95814 SOUTAUGIT PM 2:38

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Subject: City of Antioch

Dear Mr. Isenberg:

The City of Antioch has some of the oldest and highest priority water rights in the Delta. Antioch's municipal water supply depends on these rights and also depends on the quality of fresh water in the area of the Delta near Antioch. With a population of over 100,000 residents, we are sure you can understand that it is vital Antioch's water supply be protected.

Due to Antioch's location in the western delta, the City is very interested in the Delta Vision process and its outcome. As you can probably imagine, Antioch is concerned about some of the potential scenarios being discussed in the Delta Vision process, and in particular, those scenarios that would lead to an increase in the salinity of Antioch's water supply. Antioch is also concerned with certain representations being made regarding historical salinity levels within the Delta as well as with the apparent policy to adopt certain physical modifications within the Delta before their potential impacts are entirely known.

The City understands that this is a challenging process and that difficult decisions do lie ahead. Antioch wants to be part of the solution to the issues driving the Delta Vision process. Antioch's history and location in the Delta give it a unique perspective that could be beneficial to the Delta Vision process. However, in reaching any solutions through the Delta Vision process, Antioch's vital water supply must be considered and protected. Antioch would be pleased to discuss with you or the Blue Ribbon Panel how the City's water supply can be protected within the framework of the Delta Vision.

Thank you for your consideration of Antioch's position in this matter. Antioch intends to be involved in the on-going public process. We also believe a specific meeting to discuss these matters further could be mutually beneficial. I will be calling your office to schedule such a meeting. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 925-779-7011.

Sincerely,

JIM JAKEL

City Manager

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cc: Antioch Mayor and City Council

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